

Attorney Docket: 381AS/50959  
PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: FUMIHIKO OKAI ET AL.  
Serial No.: NOT YET ASSIGNED  
Filed: FEBRUARY 27, 2002  
Title: VEHICLE CONTROL APPARATUS

RECEIVED  
JAN 23 2004  
GROUP 3600  
COPY

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 CFR §§ 1.56**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

February 27, 2002

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem relevant to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

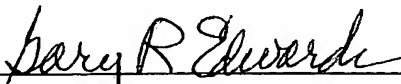
**STATEMENT OF RELEVANCE**

The relevance of these references to the subject matter of the present invention is given in the Background and Summary of the Invention in the specification of the present invention.

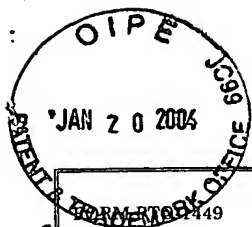
The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (1) no later than three months from the application's filing date or (2) before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits (whichever is later), and therefore no statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is required.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Gary R. Edwards  
Registration No. 31,824

CROWELL & MORING, LLP  
Intellectual Property Group  
P.O. Box 14300  
Washington, DC 20044-4300  
Telephone No.: (202) 624-2500  
Facsimile No.: (202) 628-8844  
GRE:kms  
(CAM 56203.265)



<b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT</b> (Use several sheets if necessary)	U.S. Department of Commerce Patent & Trademark Office	Attorney Docket No. 381AS/50959	Serial No. NOT YET ASSIGNED
	Applicant: Fumihiko OKAI et al		
	Filing Date February 27, 2002	Group	

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
Examiner Initial		Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Sub-Class	Filing Date (if appropriate)
	AA	5,530,651	06/25/96	Uemura et al	364	461	
	AB						
	AC						
	AD						
	AE						
	AF						
	AG						
	AH						
	AI						
	AJ						

**RECEIVED**  
JAN 23 2004  
GROUP 3600

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS								
Examiner Initial		Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Sub-Class	TRANSLATION	
							Yes	No
	AK							
	AL							
	AM							
	AN							
	AO							
	AP							

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)		
	AQ	
	AR	
	AS	

EXAMINER	DATE CONSIDERED
----------	-----------------

EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication.